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Update for the Revision of Article 1 Rulemaking Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.), Title 9, Chapter 6, Article 1; R9-6-101 and Exhibit I-A

Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 36-136(H)(1) states that the Arizona Department of Health Services (Department) shall "define and prescribe reasonably necessary measures for detecting, reporting, preventing, and controlling communicable and preventable diseases." The Department has established rules to implement this statute in 9 A.A.C. 6. The rules in 9 A.A.C. 6, Article 1 include R9-6-101, which contains the definitions for terms used in more than one Article in Chapter 6, and Exhibit I-A.

The Department is revising Article 1 to make 9 A.A.C. 6 more understandable. This rulemaking will add and amend definitions in R9-6-101 and repeal Exhibit I-A. The Department submitted a Notice of Docket Opening for this rulemaking, which was published in the *Arizona Administrative Register* on October 10, 2008. A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was published in the *Arizona Administrative Register* on October 17, 2008. The Oral Proceeding for this rulemaking was held on October 14, 2008 with no written or oral comments received by the Department. A Notice of Final Rulemaking was submitted to the Governor's Regulatory Review Council (GRRC) and was approved at the January 6, 2009 GRRC meeting.

The Department anticipates that the rules will be effective on March 7, 2009.